

Mr. Herbert introduced a joint resolution expressive of the sentiments of the people of Texas relative to the outrages on the Rio Grande. Read first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, Nov. 15th, 1859.

Senate met. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Townes presented the petition of Q. J. Nichols, for relief. Referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Potter presented the petition of Luke A. Falve, asking pay for services in the Texas Navy. Referred to the Committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of David Ward, for land. Referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Townes presented the petition of Austin College, for land. Referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Grimes presented the petition of Wm. Berryman, for land. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Erath, Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, made the following report:

The Committee on Indian Affairs to whom was referred a joint resolution to authorize the Governor to call out 1,000 men to suppress rebellion and resist invasion of the State, have had the same under consideration and instruct me to report the same back to the Senate with the accompanying amendment, and recommend the adoption of the amendment and passage of the joint resolution.

Amendment. Strike out 12 months and insert 2 years.

Mr. Lott, Chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses, to whom was referred a resolution requiring them to make some satisfactory arrangement with the Postmaster at Austin in relation to postage, have performed that duty by authorizing the Postmaster to employ some competent person to prepay with stamps, &c., for the Senate during the present session.

Mr. Lott, Chairman of the Committee on Printing, made the following report:

The Committee on Printing to whom was referred a resolution to contract with the publishers of the State Gazette and the Southern Intelligencer for twenty numbers of each weekly issue,

have instructed me to return said resolution and recommend its adoption.

Mr. Rainey moved to suspend the rule and take up the report relative to postage. Carried; and the report was taken up and adopted.

Mr. Lott, Chairman of the Committee on Printing, made the following report:

The Committee on Public Printing to whom was referred a bill to regulate the Public Printing, have carefully considered the same and instructed me to return the bill with the following amendments and recommend its passage: Amend by adding the words "Treasurer and Comptroller" after the words "Secretary of State" wherever it occurs in the bill. Amend second section by adding the words "and accompanying reports" after the word "Governor." Amend fifth section by inserting after the word "open" the words "in presence of the bidders or their agents." Strike out proviso to 5th section.

Mr. Britton moved to suspend the rule and take up report of Committee on Indian Affairs on a joint resolution, authorizing the Governor to call out 1,000 men to suppress rebellion and resist invasion, which motion was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Chambers, Dickinson, Duggan, Erath, Fall, Harmon, Herbert, Hyde, Pitts, Potter, Quinan, Schleicher, Shepard, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes and Whaley—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Grimes, Guinn, Hart, Lott, Martin, Parsons, Rains, Sims, Walker and Wallace—10.

Mr. Erath introduced a bill to relinquish to the settlers on the Daniel Munroe league of land in Milam county, all the rights and interests of the State in and to said league of land. Read first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hart introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of Stephen F. Slaughter. Read first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen and inhabitants of the city of Galveston to issue bonds for the construction of a bridge, &c. Read first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Martin offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee on Stock and Stock raising. Adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill for the relief of James Jennings. Read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act supplemental to an act to authorize the location, sale and settlement of the Mississippi and Pacific Railroad Reserve, approved November 28th, 1857. Read first and second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Hyde introduced a bill to incorporate the Horse Head crossing of the Pecos Bridge Company. Read first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hyde introduced a bill to incorporate the Pecos Bridge Company. Read first and second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, Mr. Guinn was added to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Throckmorton, Mr. Erath was added to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Sims, Mr. Hart was added to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Potter, Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report :

The Judiciary committee have considered a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Governor to issue his proclamation, and offer a reward for the arrest of certain persons depredating in the counties of Cameron and Hidalgo, and a majority of the committee direct me to report that the Governor is now by law authorized to offer a reward of \$500 for the capture of criminals in such cases as he may think proper ; and a majority of the committee are of the opinion that further legislation on the subject is unnecessary and would not be likely to have any beneficial effect, I am therefore directed to return the bill to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

I respectfully state that I differ with the majority of the committee as to the propriety of further legislative action on the subject matter contained in the bill. In the present condition of affairs in the counties of Cameron and Hidalgo, I am of opinion, that a liberal reward offered by the Governor, might cause distrust and disaffection among the lawless bands supposed to be now marauding in said counties. I think the bill should be amended in some respects and passed. Should this be done it will cost the State nothing unless arrests are made under it, and in that event the money will be probably well expended.

Mr. Potter moved to suspend the rule and to take up the report of the Committee on Public Printing on a bill to regulate the Public Printing. Carried.

The question being on the adoption of the report, Mr. Guinn moved to take up the amendments separately.

Mr. Potter moved to lay the report on the table. Carried.

Mr. Pitts offered the following resolution :

Resolved, By the Senate, the House concurring, that the two Houses will go into the election of an United States Senator on to-day at 12 o'clock, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of J. P. Henderson.

Mr. Hart moved to amend the resolution by striking out "to-day at 12 o'clock" and inserting Monday the 21st inst. at 12 o'clock. Carried.

Mr. Rainey moved to strike out Monday and insert 3 o'clock this evening.

Mr. Erath moved a call of the Senate. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Throckmorton, the call was suspended.

Mr. Rainey withdrew his motion to amend.

Mr. Britton moved that the Senate take a recess of ten minutes. Carried.

The recess having expired, the Senate was called to order.

Mr. Hart moved to lay the resolution on the table. Carried.

Mr. Gentry offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, since the adjournment of the last Legislature, the Hon. Benjamin F. Tankersley, Senator from Harris county, has been removed from among us by the hand of death, therefore,

Resolved, That in the sense of this body, the State has lost a zealous, practical and patriotic legislator ; his constituents an able and energetic advocate of their interests ; his social friends a generous true-hearted and estimable companion.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his family in their bereavement, and offer them our sincere condolence.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his family, and a copy to each of the newspapers printed in the city of Houston for publication.

Resolved, That the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Adopted ; and Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, November 16th, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. W. M. Baker—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.